Levy of Market Fees in Weekly Shandies.

Q.—38. **Mr. G. P. RANGAPPA** (Honnali Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that people coming from the villages to the weekly shandy with the grain grown by them get petty sums only after selling their commodities;

(*b*) whether the Government are aware as to how much hardship and inconvenience is caused to the poor villagers by the prompt levy of market fees immediately on entering into the shandy with their bags and baskets?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. Venkatanaranappa).**—

(*a*) Yes. The fee is also graduated.

(*b*) Prepayment of market fees is inevitable under the circumstances.

Concessions to Raiyats.

Q.—43. **Mr. Channagiri RANGAPPA** (Davangere Municipality).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) (i) how long it is since Government granted certain concessions regarding land revenue to agriculturists; (ii) are the raiyats enjoying the benefits of these concessions;

(*b*) are these concessions being renewed year by year or have they been made permanent;

(*c*) what are the percentages of land revenue collections in the several taluks in the State during the years 1933-34, 1934-35 and 1935-36;

(*d*) in how many cases were coercive processes adopted for the recovery of land revenue; what is the nature of processes adopted;

(*e*) what is the amount realised in each taluk in the State as notice and *istihar* fees during these three years;

(*f*) has it come to the notice of Government that, in the case of raiyats who have not paid even the current dues on account of difficulties, the authorities are demanding also the land revenue for the next year in advance;

(*g*) has it come to the notice of Government that, on account of the land revenue concessions not having been renewed during the year 1936-37, notice and sale *istihar* fees are being recovered from the raiyats?

A.—**The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. B. T. Kesavaiengar).**—

(*a*) (i) Since the year 1933-34.

(ii) Yes.

(*b*) Renewed from year to year.

(*c*) Please see statement attached to reply to Question No. 33.

(*d*)—

Notice of demand Section 158	Sale of occupancy Section 159	Distraint and sale of movables, Section 160
2,20,739	58,473	32,679

(*e*) *Vide* statement attached. (*Vide* Appendix).

(*f*) No such instances have been brought to notice.

(*g*) As the period of grant of the concessions expired on 30-6-1936, the ordinary rules regarding the recovery of process fees are being followed from 1-7-1936. Orders have since issued directing the continuance of the concessions during the current official year.

Mr. Channagiri RANGAPPA.—With reference to answer (*f*), if such cases are brought to notice, will necessary action be taken?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—If anything has been done contrary to the instructions of Government, disciplinary action would be taken against the officials concerned.

Mr. Channagiri RANGAPPA.—In the matter of restoring the *khate*, have not the revenue authorities demanded the payment of the ensuing year's assessment in advance?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—If such instances are brought to notice, they will be inquired into.

Mr. Channagiri RANGAPPA.—Will Government see that such an injustice does not occur in future?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—We do not admit that it has occurred.

Mr. Channagiri RANGAPPA.—Is the system of advance recoveries of assessment in vogue in any other place?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—In special cases, it is done. The question you have put is very general. It does not deal with specific instances.

Mr. Channagiri RANGAPPA.—With reference to the answer to (*g*) stating that concessions would be continued during the current official year, has it come to the notice of Government that *istihar* and notice fees have already been recovered during the current year?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—In case those fees have been collected, they will be refunded.

Mr. N. G. SANJEEVIAH.—While the question of remission was under consideration, have not notices been issued to the parties contrary to the revenue rules?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—It is not possible to say.

Mr. Bagamane DEVA GOWDA.—Will the Government issue instructions that assessment should not be collected in advance?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—It is not possible to issue general instructions as suggested. Under Sections 146 to 150 of the Land Revenue Code, there would be cases where action would have to be taken.

Mr. B. L. BYANNA.—There have been as many as 32,679 cases of distraint and sale of movables. Does this not show that the coercive steps adopted have been rigorous?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Taking the total number of *khates* into consideration, this figure does not work out to even 5 per cent. In former years, it had gone up to 45,000 odd.

Mr. S. C. MALLIAH.—What is the reason for the large increase under *istihar* and notice fees in the Mysore District, especially in the Krishnaraja Nagar and T.-Narsipur Taluks?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Because the land revenue had been in arrear for 2 or 3 years.

Mr. S. C. MALLIAH.—Will not the concessions apply to those cases?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Concessions would apply only for one year's arrears.

Mr. S. C. MALLIAH.—Will not that restriction work as a great hardship in those taluks?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—No; arrears are very heavy in those taluks.

Mr. M. SUBBIAH.—With reference to answer (*f*), if instances are brought to notice, will action be taken by Government?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—The Revenue Commissioner is competent to pass suitable orders. Such cases need not come up to Government.

Allowances to Officials of the Comptroller's Office.

Q.—44. Mr. G. CHANNAPPA.—(Holalkere Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) how many kinds of allowances are given to officers and officials in the Comptroller's office;

(*b*) what are the conditions for granting each kind of allowance;

(*c*) how many persons are given these allowances in the said office at present and who are they;

(*d*) who are the persons that are given these allowances for the last five years?

A.—The FINANCIAL SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Rajasevanipuna S. Shamanna).—

(*a*)—

(1) No allowances are given to officers.

(2) The following kinds of allowances are allowed to the officials in accordance with definite orders:—

(i) Duty allowances.

(ii) Local allowances in lieu of daily allowances.

(iii) Conveyance allowances.

(iv) Personal allowances.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) —

(i) and (ii) Duty allowances are granted for extra or arduous nature of work or for work of a special nature, and Local allowances, in lieu of daily allowances as a measure of economy.